

and the control shaft (4) intercept.

4. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 3,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the angle at which the axes of rotation of the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) intercept is substantially 90°.

5. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) are shaped in such a manner that they limit each other's rotational angles to desired values.

6. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the control shaft (4) is rotatable from either axial end.

7. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 6,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein its control shaft (4) is adapted to be connected to a control shaft (4) of another similar type of switching device in a manner allowing the working shafts (3) of both switching device to be turned by rotating the control shaft (4) of one or the other switching device.

8. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 7,
~~characterized in that~~ the ~~wherein~~ control shaft (4) is a pipe shaft, and ~~in that~~ wherein the control shaft (4) is adapted to be connected to a control shaft (4) of another similar type of switching device by means of an inner shaft insertable into the control shafts.

9. (New) A switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the axes of rotation of the working shaft and the control shaft intercept.

10. (New) A switching device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the working shaft and the control shaft are shaped in such a manner that they limit each other's rotational

angles to desired values.

11. (New) A switching device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the control shaft is rotatable from either axial end.